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TAGS: CDES IR(WORKMAN, SANDRA KAY)
SUBJ: SHIPMENT OF REMAINS

REF: STATE 033868, TEHRAN 1475, STATE 032873

1. EMBASSY NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN SHIPMENT REMAINS SANDRA WORKMAN. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE BY REV. ELVERT, HEAD LUTHERAN MISSION IN IRAN, WHO RECEIVED FUNDS FROM MISSION OFFICE IN U.S.

2. ERRONEOUS INFORMATION REGARDING DEPARTURE FROM TEHRAN DUE MISUNDERSTANDING. REMAINS WERE TAKEN TO AIRPORT AND AIRWAY BILL WAS DATED FEB. 12. ACTUAL DEPARTURE WAS ON EARLY MORNING PAN AM FLIGHT FEB. 13.

3. CONSULAR MORTUARY CERTIFICATE SHOWED DESTINATION AS LOGAN, WEST VIRGINIA. ROUTING VIA DULLES WAS APPARENTLY AGREED UPON BY REV. ELVERT AND PAN AM REPRESENTATIVE IN TEHRAN. HEAD OF LOCAL APN AM OFFICE ADVISED EMBASSY THAT IT IS FREQUENTLY DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE FOR COFFINS TO BE TRANSPORTED ON SMALL AIRCRAFT NORMALLY USED TO SERVICE AIRPORTS LIKE CHARLESTON W. VA. TEHRAN PAN AM OFFICE WILLING TO OBTAIN ESTIMATES OF ADDITIONAL COSTS, BUT SINCE THEY WOULD HAVE TO CONTACT WASHINGTON D.C. AIR CARGO OFFICE, SUGGEST IT MIGHT BE EASIER FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO DO SO DIRECTLY.

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4. HAVE REMAINS BEEN FORWARDED TO LOGAN, AND IF SO HOW?

5. DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL MEDICINE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT AUTOPSY RESULTS WILL BE READY IN TWO WEEKS. EMBASSY WILL ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN THEM DIRECTLY FROM LEGAL

MEDICINE, BUT WORKMAN FAMILY AND SENATOR BYRD SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT SUCH REQUESTS USUALLY HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED VIA THE IRANIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND THAT THE PROCESS CAN BE TIME CONSUMING.

6. WORKMAN EFFECTS ARE STILL IN KURDESTAN WHICH IS IN THE TABRIZ CONSULAR DISTRICT, AND A FOURTEEN HOUR DRIVE FROM TABRIZ. TABRIZ AT PRESENT STAFFED BY ONE OFFICER. AS SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY, REV. ELVERT HAS REQUESTED POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM NOK AUTHORIZING LUTHERAN MISSION TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR EFFECTS. IF DEPARTMENT IN CONTACT WITH WORKMAN FAMILY, PLEASE ASK HOW THEY WANT EFFECTS HANDLED.

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